Shipping Industry

3911. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: *Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:*

(a) the number of ships acquired the Government during the last three year and their total tonnage:

(b) the number of ships acquired by the Indian shipyards during the same period;

(c) the break up of the above yardwise and tonnage-wise; and

(d) the extent of foreign exchange spent during the above period in acquiring ships from foreign shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF *SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In the Central Government Sector 12 ships having tonnage of 6392 DWT have been acquired* during the last three years for Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Lakshadweep Administration.

(b) Out of the 12 ships, 9 ships were built at Indian Shipyards during the last three years.

(c) The break up of the 9 ships built at Indian Shipyards are as under:-

Name of the Yard	*Tonnage*
Alack Ashdown	410 DWT
CIWTC Rajabagan Dockyard	50 DWT
Goa Shipyard Limited.	220 DWT
Hooghly Dock Ports & Engineers Limited	30 DWT
Shalimar Works	400 DWT

(d) The Government have utilised loan assistance of 10.4 Million Dutch Guilders as foreign exchange in acquiring ships from foreign shipyards during the above period.

Development of West Costa Canal of Kerala

3912. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the finding of the hydrographic survey of Kollam Thiruvanathapuram stretch of West cost canal of Kerala have been examined by the Government to develop it as national Waterway and a tourist potential;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) funds allocated for this scheme during the Seventh plan, and the amount actually spent during that plan period; and

(d) the details of proposals for this scheme during the Eight Plan?